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WIRE SERVICES

UPI - JIM ANDERSON FROM LONDON

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE'S MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST ENDED
INCONCLUSIVELY THURSDAY, WITH A VEILED WARNING TO ISRAEL
FROM EGYPT ON THE THREAT OF A NEW CONFLICT AND A PLEDGE
FROM PLO LEADER ARAFAT TO WRITE VICTORY OVER ISRAEL IN
"BLOOD, BLOOD, BLOOD."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE FAILED TO RESUME GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE FOR THIS
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FALL BUT DID ARRANGE FOR BILATERALS IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH
WITH ISRAELI, EGYPTIAN, SYRIAN, AND JORDANIAN FOREIGN
MINISTERS.

-- ISRAEL HELD TO POSITIONS OF NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH PLO, NO
RETREAT TO ALL OF PRE-WAR BOUNDARIES, AND NO PALESTINIAN

STATE ON WEST BANK.

-- ISRAELI CABINET MET THURSDAY AND REITERATED THAT NO GENEVA CONFERENCE COULD TAKE PLACE IF PLO IS INCLUDED.

-- IN EGYPT, AFTER MEETING WITH VANCE, SADAT SAID: "I AM ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC DESPITE THE HARD ISRAELI LINE, BUT I REMIND ALL PARTIES CONCERNED THAT THE SECOND SINAI AGREEMENT EXPIRES IN OCTOBER 1978." THIS STATEMENT WAS SAID BY EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES TO MEAN THAT EGYPT MIGHT NOT RENEW SEPTEMBER 1975 KISSINGER AGREEMENT AND THAT ANOTHER CONFLICT MIGHT BE IN THE OFFING.

-- VANCE'S ONE DAY SWING THROUGH MID-EAST WAS ONLY PREFACE TO SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK. MAIN ACHIEVEMENT OF MID-EAST TRIP WAS CONTINUATION OF MOMENTUM IN SEARCH OF PEACE.

-- US OFFICIALS BELIEVE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO PLO. IF PLO ACCEPTS 242, VANCE WILL TALK WITH THEM IN NEW YORK, THUS INCREASING PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. BUT ARAFAT IN BEIRUT PLEDGED A CONTINUED ARMED FIGHT AGAINST ISRAEL.

-- IN LONDON VANCE WILL MEET WITH OWEN AND BOTH A ON FRIDAY AND CALLAGHAN AND NYERERE ON SATURDAY.

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REUTERS - ROY GUTMAN FROM ALEXANDRIA

LEAD: TWO KEY ARAB LEADERS VOICED OPTIMISM TODAY OVER PROSPECTS FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AS US SECSTATE VANCE ENDED A 10-DAY PEACE MISSION TO COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

OTHER POINTS:

-- IN AMMAN, HUSSEIN SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY TALKS TODAY, HE ACCEPTED PROPOSAL FOR TALKS NEXT MONTH IN NEW YORK, AND HE SAID THAT RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS A STRONG POSSIBILITY, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY THIS YEAR. HUSSEIN IN A SPEECH LATER TODAY CALLED ON THE ARABS TO CREATE A NEW SOCIETY TO CONFRONT ISRAEL'S "RACIST AND AGGRESSIVE ATTACK."

-- IN ALEXANDRIA, SADAT EXPRESSED OPTIMISM AFTER MEETING WITH VANCE, BUT CRITICIZED ISRAELI HARD LINE.

-- IN DAMASCUS, ASSAD REVEALED ONLY THAT VANCE HAD DISCUSSED OUTCOME OF VANCE VISIT TO OTHER MID-EAST COUNTRIES.

VANCE'S AIM REMAINED TO LINE UP INDIRECT TALKS IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND ARABS, WHICH US OFFICIALS BELIEVE COULD BE VITAL TO RESUMING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE THIS YEAR.

-- BEGIN REITERATED HIS REFUSAL TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES PRIOR TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO PERMIT A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND ON WEST BANK.

AP - FROM ALEXANDRIA

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE WRAPPED UP HIS MIDDLE EAST MISSION TODAY, REPORTING TO ARAB LEADERS ON ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO DEAL WITH THE PLO.
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OTHER POINTS:

-- SADAT CALLED STANCE "A VERY HARD ISRAELI LINE."

-- VANCE AND SADAT ANNOUNCED THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN US AND MID-EAST COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH.

-- SADAT REMINDED LISTENERS THAT KISSINGER 1975 AGREEMENT WAS ABOUT TO EXPIRE.

EVENING TELEVISION

NBC NEWS

ANCHORMAN BRINKLEY: SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE ENDED HIS MIDDLE EAST MISSION TODAY BY VISITING THREE ARAB COUNTRIES, TELLING THEM THE ISRAELIS ARE, AS HIS STAFF CALLED IT, STONEWALLING, THAT IS, REFUSING TO DEAL WITH THE PLO I; ANY CASE AND REFUSING TO HAVE A PALESTINIAN STATE ON THEIR WEST BANK. VANCE AND HIS STAFF WERE DISAPPOINTED, THEY SAID, TO FIND THE ISRAELIS INFLEXIBLE.

CBS NEWS

ANCHORMAN MUDD: IN ANOTHER SESSION TODAY, SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE TALKED WITH OFFICIALS IN ISRAEL, JORDAN, SYRIA, AND EGYPT AS HE WRAPPED UP HIS LATEST MIDDLE EAST PEACE TOUR. BERNARD KALB HAS THE DETAILS.

KALB: SECRETARY VANCE'S WHIRLWIND ITINERARY OPENED IN ISRAEL WITH AN EARLY MORNING FARE WELL TO FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN- THE AMERICANS HAVE FOUND THE ISRAELIS TO BE LESS
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FLEXIBLE THAN THE ARABS BUT THEIR DESIRE FOR PEACE JUST AS STRONG. VANCE CARRIED THOSE IMPRESSIONS AND SOME IDEAS OF HIS OWN TO THE THREE ARAB COUNTRIES HE RE-VISITED TODAY.

FIRST, AMMAN, JORDAN, 25 MINUTES AWAY, FOR TALKS WITH KING HUSSEIN. THE KING LATER TOLD REPORTERS HE WAS ENCOURAGED, HE WOULD NOT SAY WHY. NEXT, DAMASCUS, 40 MINUTES TO THE NORTH, VANCE PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO A MEETING WITH SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASSAD THE HARDLINER AMONG THE ARAB LEADERS CONFRONTING ISRAEL. NO COMMENT FROM ASSAD, BUT REPORTS IN DAMASCUS SUGGEST HE'S ENCOURAGED THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO TAKE A POSITIVE LINE TOWARD US OVERTURES THAT COULD LEAD TO DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE US AND THE PLO.

AND FINALLY, 60 FLYING MINUTES LATER, ALEXANDRIA WHERE THE VANCE TRIP BEGAN 11 DAYS AGO. AFTER AN HOUR OF PRIVATE TALKS WITH VANCE, EGYPT'S PRESIDENT SADAT SAID HE HOPED THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD ABANDON WHAT HE CALLED THEIR VERY HARDLINE AND HE THREATENED NOT TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCES ARE POSTED IN THE SINAI BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI ARMIES.

SADAT: MAY I REMIND THE PARTIES CONCERNED THAT THE SECOND DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES ON OCTOBER 78, THANK YOU.

KALB: BUT IT WAS ALSO CLEAR THAT SADAT SUPPORTED VANCE IN HIS DETERMINATION TO HOLD SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE ARAB AND ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH WITH A VIEW TOWARD CONVENING A GENEVA CONFERENCE.

THE IMMEDIATE AIM OF THIS DEVICE OF INDIRECT ARAB-ISRAELI DIALOG IS TO PREVENT THE MIDDLE EAST FROM SINKING INTO
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A DIPLOMATIC STAGNATION THAT CARRIES WITH IT THE RISK OF WAR. BERNARD KALB, CBS NEWS, ALEXANDRIA.

ANCHORMAN MUDD: WHEN HE SET OUT ON HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP 11 DAYS AGO, SECRETARY VANCE WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF SETTING IN MOTION A FALL GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE BUT IT PROVED TO BE AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK. MARVIN KALB REPORTS FROM THE STATE

DEPARTMENT.

KALB: IT WAS ONLY THREE WEEKS AGO THAT PRESIDENT CARTER CONCLUDED HIS TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND ALL BUT PREDICTED A GENEVA CONFERENCE IN A FEW MONTHS.

PRESIDENT CARTER: I BELIEVE THAT WE'VE LAID THE GROUND-WORK NOW BARRING SOME UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTY THAT WILL LEAD TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCES IN OCTOBER.

KALB: IT IS CLEAR AFTER SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST THAT THE PRESIDENT'S CRYSTAL BALL WAS CLOUDED. THERE IS NOW NO CHANCE FOR A GENEVA CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER, AND ONLY A VERY SMALL CHANCE FOR ONE LATER THIS YEAR. US OFFICIALS ADMIT THE SECRETARY'S TRIP WAS DISAPPOINTING THAT HE MADE NO HEADWAY ON THE TWIN PROBLEMS OF PALESTINIAN RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AND ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. THERE IS ONE SEMI-BRIGHT SPOT, EGYPT AND JORDAN IMPLIED TO THE SECRETARY THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO SIGN PEACE TREATIES WITH ISRAEL AT THE END OF A SUCCESSFUL GENEVA CONFERENCE. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN TOLD VANCE THAT WAS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT BUT GIVEN THE DIMENSIONS OF THE OTHER UNSOLVED PROBLEMS, US OFFICIALS COULD ONLY SMILE TOLERANTLY AT BEGIN'S EXUBERANCE. WHAT EMERGES AT THIS STAGE IS A SEEMINGLY FRANTIC AMERICAN EFFORT
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TO FIND SOME FORMULA FOR OPENING UP CONTACT WITH THE PLO, A FORMULA THAT WOULD NOT, AT THE SAME TIME, OPEN A BREAK WITH ISRAEL. MARVIN KALB, CBS NEWS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

ABC NEWS

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